

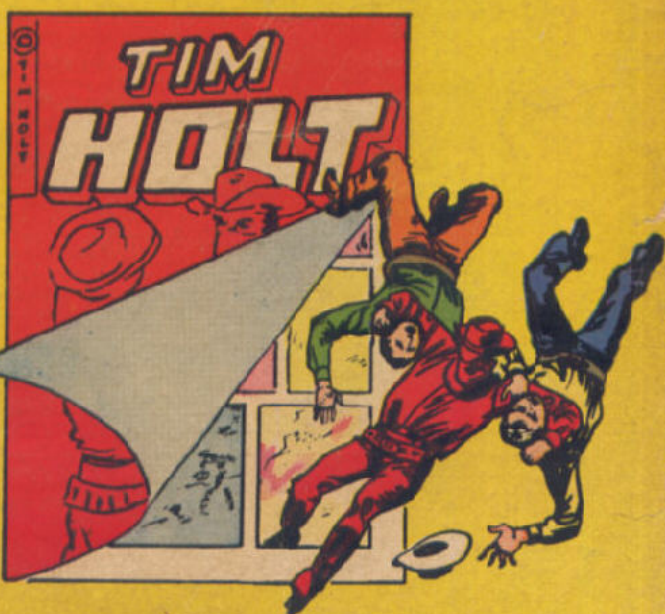
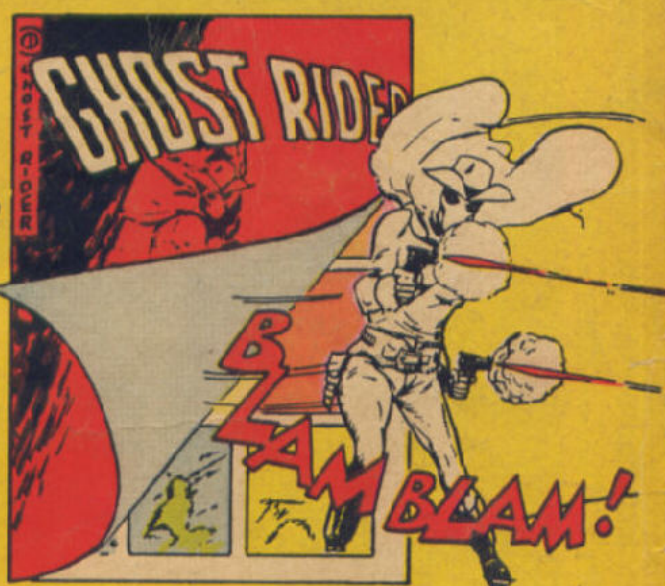


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Mr. Ned Mason, Dept. MA130
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TIM HOLT

THIS GIRL IS ALL ALONE WITH A MAD KILLER IN AN OLD GHOST TOWN. THE MAN HAS SWORN TO KILL HER. AS HE LIFTS HIS GUN, THERE SEEMS NO CHANCE TO SAVE HER LIFE— FOR REDMASK LIES UNCONSCIOUS AND WOUNDED, TWENTY MILES AWAY! CAN THE CRIMSON CAVALIER OF THE RIO GRANDE PERFORM A MIRACLE EVEN WHILE—

**"DEATH
TRAILS THE LADY!"**



IN A LONELY KANSAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD STATION, AN HOUR BEFORE MIDNIGHT—

OHHH!

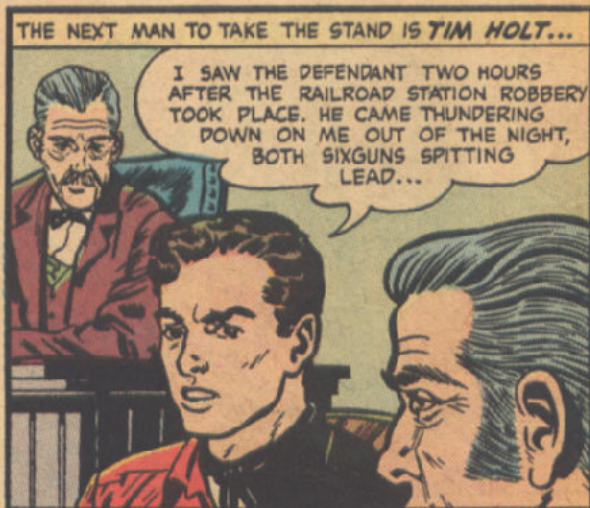
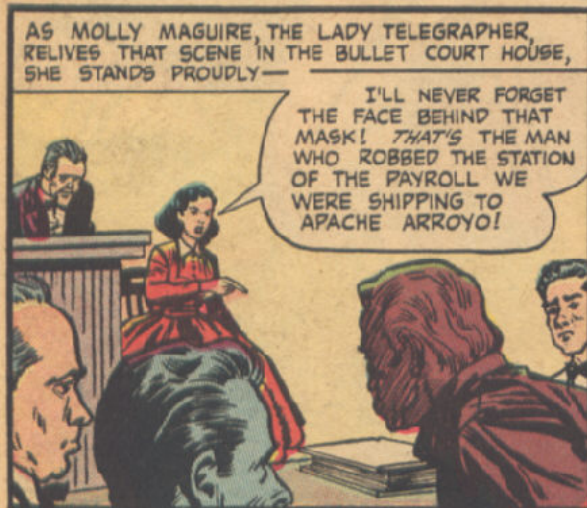
DON'T MOVE! KEEP YOUR HAND AWAY FROM THAT TELEGRAPH KEY!



DON'T WORRY, MISS MOLLY! I'LL HANDLE— UGGH!

YOU OLD FOOL!







ONLY AN EYE BETRAYS THE KILLER'S HIDING PLACE AS SHERIFF GAGE AND HIS DEPUTY, TIM HOLT, PAUSE IN THEIR FEVERED HUNT...

HE SURE VAMOSED PRONTO!

WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM, BEN. YOU HEARD HIM THREATEN THAT GIRL'S LIFE!



YEP, AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! HE KNOWS *WE'RE* AFTER HIM... BUT HE WON'T SUSPECT *REDMASK*! GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM, TIM. TELL HIM TO GO SEE THAT GAL AND LEARN WHAT TURK LOOKS LIKE, WHILE WE'RE OUT HUNTING FOR HIM!

FINE! I'LL HIDE HER AT MY T-BAR-H RANCH IN THE MEANTIME!



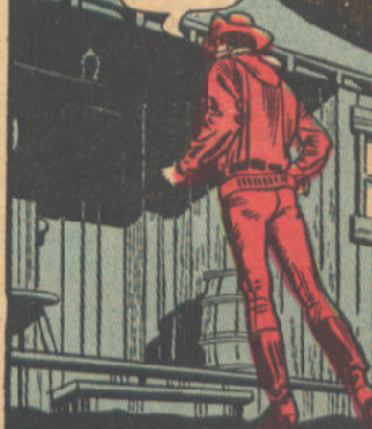
AS DARKNESS SETTLES DOWN OVER THE COW COUNTRY, A MAN SCRIBBLES FURIOUSLY IN A DESERTED STORE...

SO REDMASK IS COMIN' AFTER ME? I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO MOLLY—WARNING HER AGAINST THIS REDMASK HOMBRE—ADVISING HER TO SHOOT HIM ON SIGHT—AND SIGN IT: TIM HOLT!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, ON THE T-BAR-H RANCH...

I'LL HAVE MOLLY DESCRIBE TURK TO ME. NOT THAT I NEED IT, BUT AS *REDMASK*, I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!



YOU! TIM HOLT WROTE ME YOU'D COME TO SEE ME! YOU'RE WORKING WITH TURK—YOU'VE COME TO KILL ME FOR HIM!

WHAT?

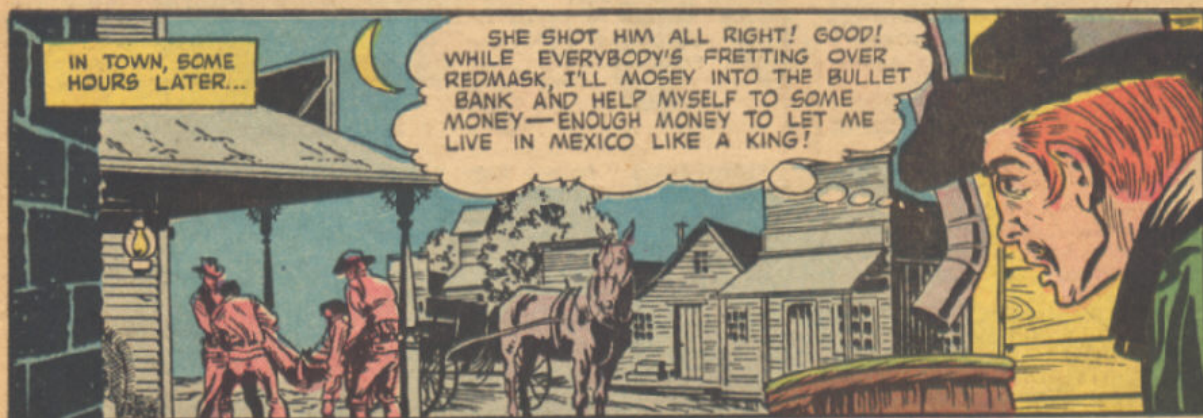


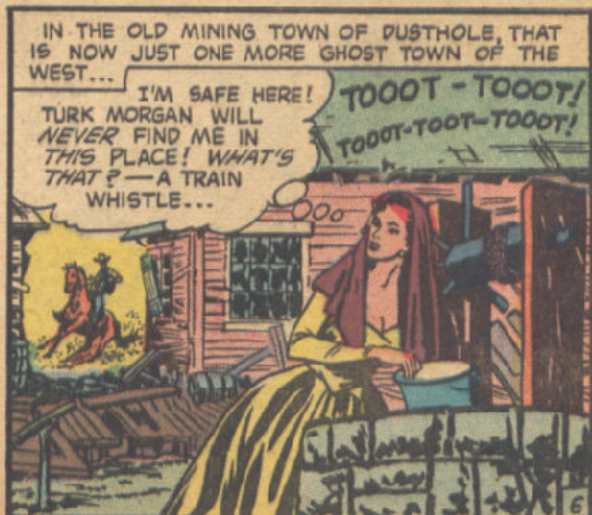
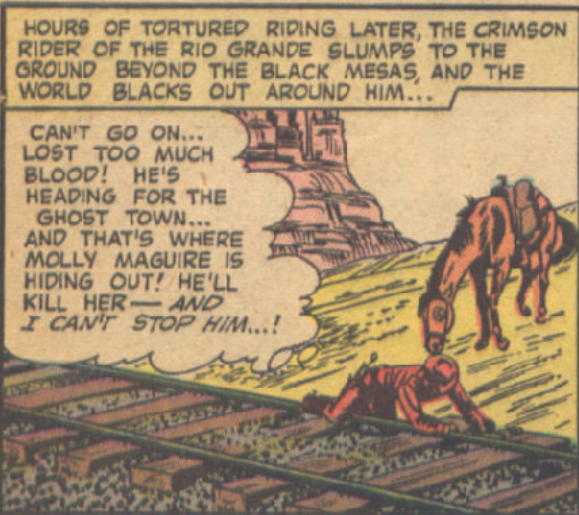
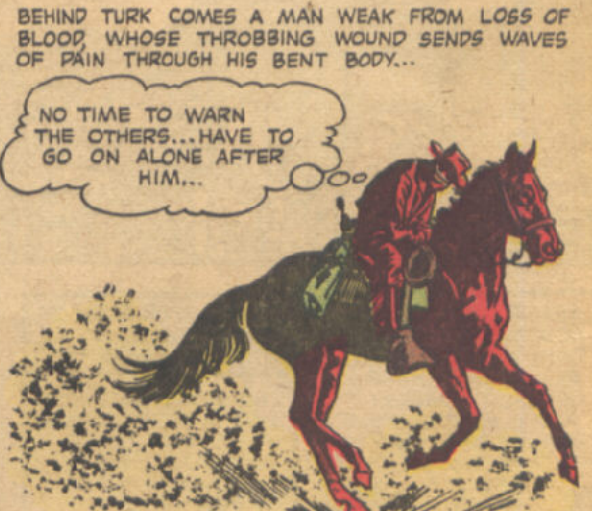
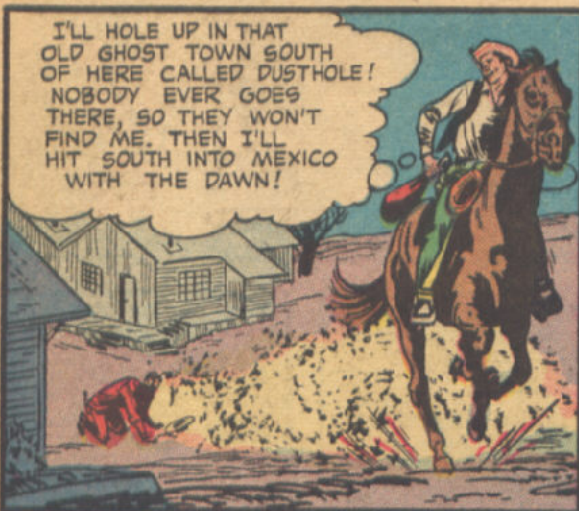
I TOLD YOU TO STAY BACK...NOT TO COME FORWARD...!



MOLLY! WHAT IN THUNDER—? YOU SHOT REDMASK! HE'S A FRIEND!







I'LL HOLE UP IN THAT OLD GHOST TOWN SOUTH OF HERE CALLED DUSTHOLE! NOBODY EVER GOES THERE, SO THEY WON'T FIND ME. THEN I'LL HIT SOUTH INTO MEXICO WITH THE DAWN!

BEHIND TURK COMES A MAN WEAK FROM LOSS OF BLOOD, WHOSE THROBBING WOUND SENDS WAVES OF PAIN THROUGH HIS BENT BODY...

NO TIME TO WARN THE OTHERS...HAVE TO GO ON ALONE AFTER HIM...

HOURS OF TORTURED RIDING LATER, THE CRIMSON RIDER OF THE RIO GRANDE SLUMPS TO THE GROUND BEYOND THE BLACK MESAS, AND THE WORLD BLACKS OUT AROUND HIM...

IN THE OLD MINING TOWN OF DUSTHOLE, THAT IS NOW JUST ONE MORE GHOST TOWN OF THE WEST...

CAN'T GO ON... LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD! HE'S HEADING FOR THE GHOST TOWN... AND THAT'S WHERE MOLLY MAGUIRE IS HIDING OUT! HE'LL KILL HER—AND I CAN'T STOP HIM...

I'M SAFE HERE! TURK MORGAN WILL NEVER FIND ME IN THIS PLACE! WHAT'S THAT?—A TRAIN WHISTLE...

TOOOT - TOOOT!
TOOOT-TOOT-TOOOT!



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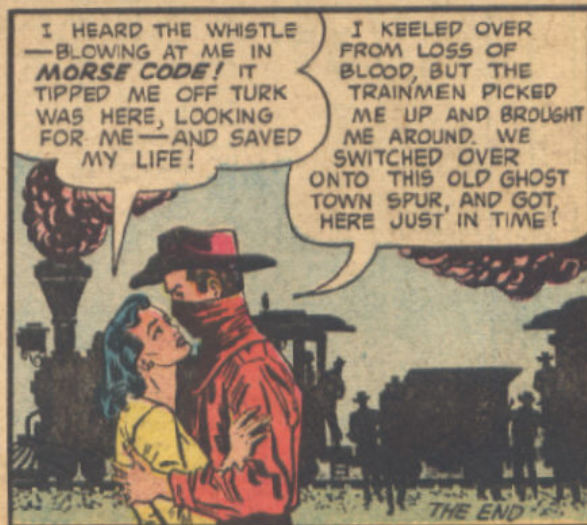
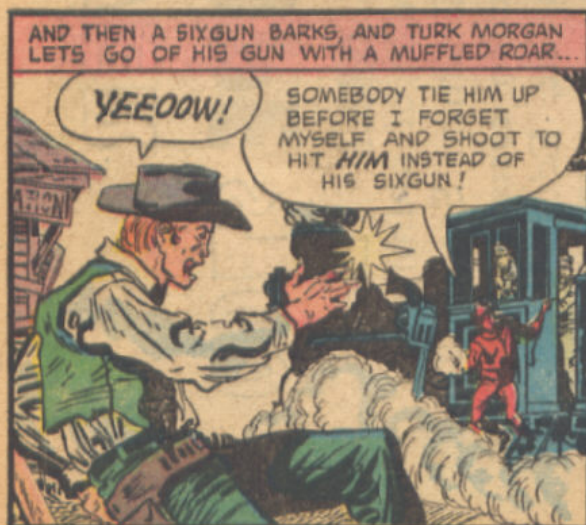
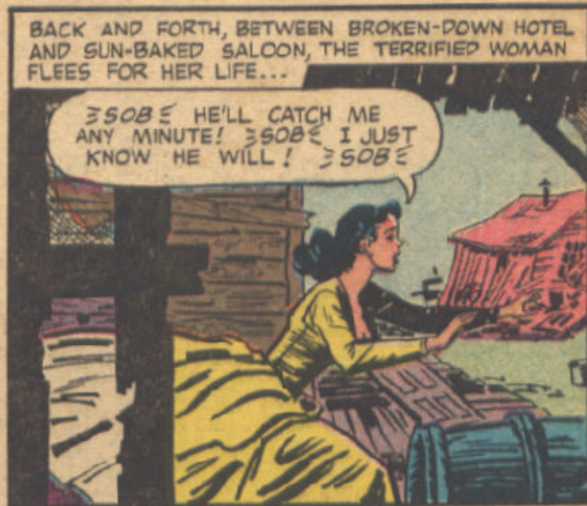
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GHOST RIDER

The

THE SHADOWS OF NIGHT HAVE BROUGHT FORTH MANY KINDS OF OWLHOOTS — KILLER, DRY-GULCHER, SPY AND ROBBER — AND THE GHOST RIDER HAS BROUGHT EACH OF THEM TO BAY. BUT — SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT FLINGS A CHALLENGE WHEN HE RIDES HERD ON...

"The GHOST OF LONGHAIR JOHN!"

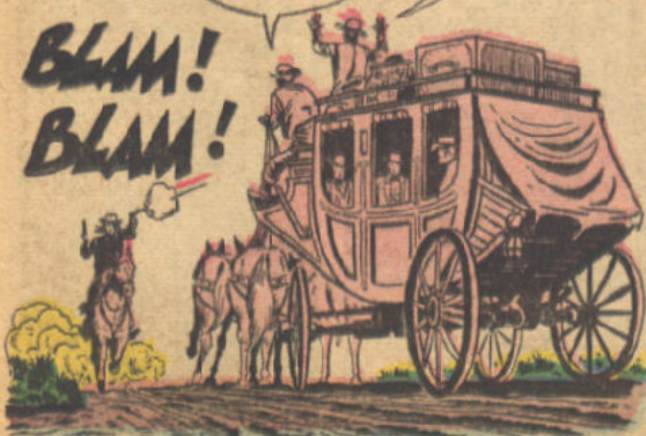


A NEW TERROR STRIKES THE WESTERN FRONTIER!

YIII!
HIT'S LONGHAIR JOHN AGAIN!

DON'T NOBODY CROSS 'IM — HE'S A KILLER!

BLAM!
BLAM!



OUTRAGE AFTER OUTRAGE IS COMMITTED...



AIN'T NOBODY KIN STOP ME. I'M THE BADDEST, ROUGHEST TOUGHEST HOMBRE ON THUH TRAILS — AN' THUH HANDSOMEST, BY THUNDER. YEP, I'M LONGHAIR JOHN! YAHOOOOOOO!

... UNTIL
THE DAY
WHEN
LONGHAIR
JOHN
ROBS JUST
ONE BANK
TOO MANY!

**THUH
GHOST
RIDER!**

I HAVE BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU, LONGHAIR JOHN—
TO TAKE YOU TO THE
REGION OF DARKNESS!



THAR AIN'T BUT ONE DARK
PLACE I'M GOIN' TO,
GHOST RIDER—AN' THET'S
MUH HIDEOUT! EAT LEAD,
RIDER—I AIN'T NEVER
MISSED YET—**YIIIIII!**

BLAM!



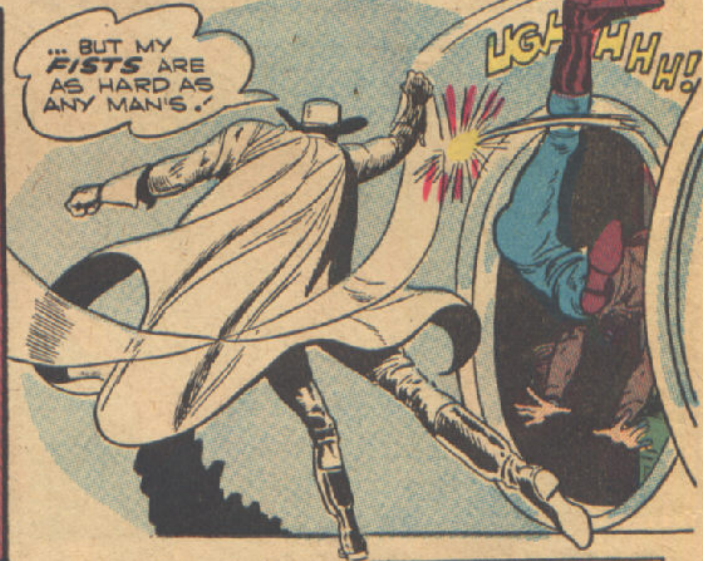
THERE IS
ALWAYS A FIRST
TIME, LONGHAIR—
AND THIS IS
IT!

I'M GONNA TAKE
YUH APART, RIDER—
AN' SEE IF
YUH'RE **REALLY**
A GHOST, LIKE
THEY SAY!

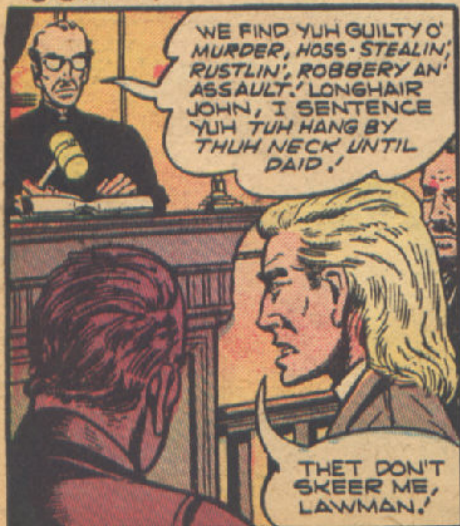


MY WAYS ARE
MYSTERIOUS,
LONGHAIR—AND
NOT OF THE
WORLD OF
MEN...

... BUT MY
FISTS ARE
AS HARD AS
ANY MAN'S...



LONGHAIR JOHN HAS MET MORE
THAN HIS MATCH! AND JUSTICE
IS SWIFT!



WE FIND YUH GUILTY O'
MURDER, HOSS-STEALIN',
RUSTLIN', ROBBERY AN'
ASSAULT! LONGHAIR
JOHN, I SENTENCE
YUH TUH HANG BY
TUH NECK UNTIL
PAID!

THET DON'T
SKEER ME,
LAWMAN!

AND
JUSTICE
IS SURE!

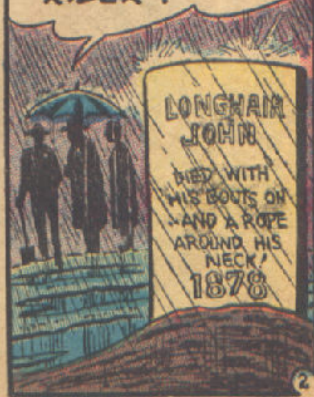


I AIN'T
SKEERED,
I TELL YUH!
I'LL COME
BACK! I'LL
COME BACK
TUH HAUNT
YUH...
AGHHH...

GLORY BE—HE SHORE
WUZ A MIGHTY TOUGH
HOMBRE TUH THUH
LAST!

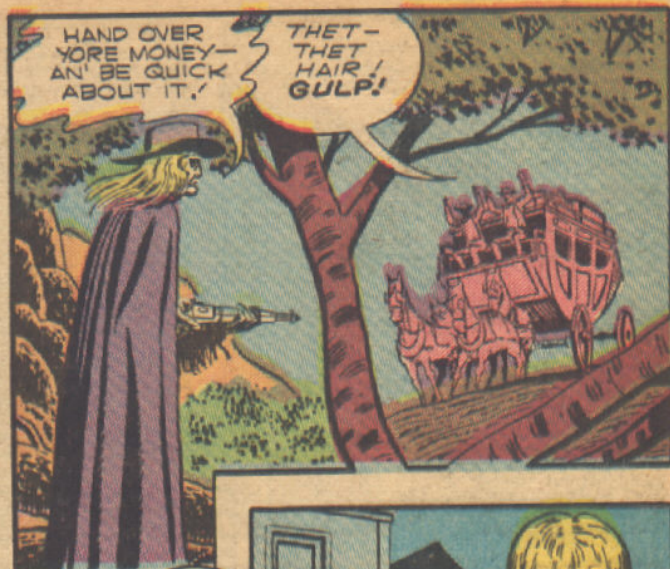
**BOOT HILL CLAIMS
ITS OWN...**

WAL, THET'S THUH
LAST O' LONGHAIR
JOHN! WE WON'T
BE HEARIN' FROM
HIM AGAIN! THANKS
TUH **THUH GHOST
RIDER!**



**LONGHAIR
JOHN**
DIED WITH
HIS BOOTS ON
—AND A ROPE
AROUND HIS
NECK!
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BUT— SOME WEEKS LATER...



NEXT
NIGHT...

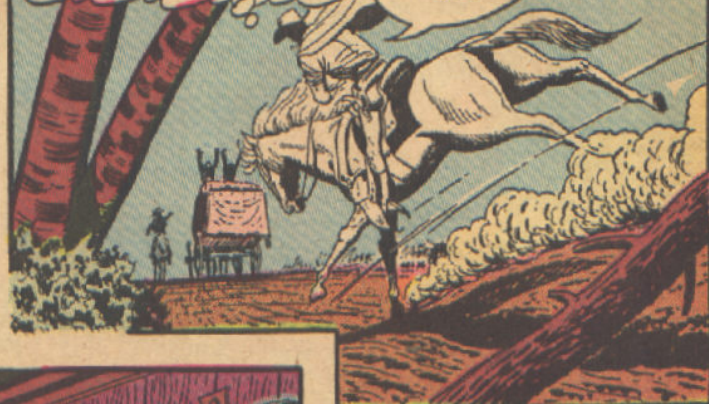
I HAVE PATROLLED
THE ROAD ALL NIGHT
LONG. SO FAR —
NOTHING...

BUT
WAIT,
WHAT'S
THAT
DOWN
THERE?



A STAGE HOLD-UP —
AND IT'S THE GHOST
OF LONGHAIR JOHN —

UP
SPECTRE!
LET'S
GO!



OH-OH!
IT'S THE
GHOST
RIDER!
I'D BETTER
MOVE FAST!

GIDDAP,
BOY!



IT'S
GULP!
THUH
GHOST
RIDER!

AN' HE'S
CHASIN'
THUH GHOST
O' LONGHAIR
JOHN.



GHOSTS
CHASIN'
GHOSTS—
HIT'S TOO
DURN MUCH
FER ME!

LET'S
GIT!

AN'
GIT
FAST!

DUNNO
'BOUT YOU
GENTS, BUT
I AIN'T NEVER
COMIN' BACK
TUH THIS PART
O' THUH COUNTRY
AGAIN!



MEANWHILE, THE GHOST RIDER
CLOSES IN ON HIS QUARRY!

HALT! HALT,
YOU WHO TEMPT
THE SPIRITS OF
NIGHT!



I AIN'T
HALTIN' FER
NOBODY —
BUT YOU ARE!
RIGHT NOW!

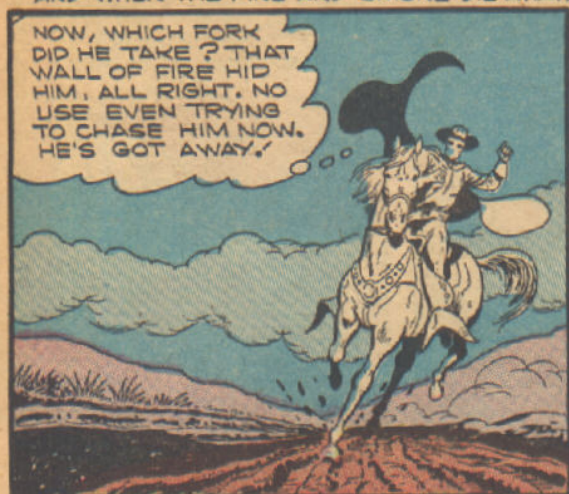
SUDDENLY — A CURTAIN OF FLAME
SHOOTS UP OUT OF THE ROAD!

A WALL OF
FIRE — RIGHT
IN MY PATH!

HOLD
IT, SPECTRE!



AND WHEN THE FIRE AND SMOKE DIE AWAY...



NOW, WHICH FORK DID HE TAKE? THAT WALL OF FIRE HID HIM, ALL RIGHT. NO USE EVEN TRYING TO CHASE HIM NOW. HE'S GOT AWAY.



NEXT DAY...

...AND THEN HE JUST DISAPPEARED BEHIND THAT WALL OF FLAME AND SMOKE!

SING SONG, WE'RE UP AGAINST A VERY CLEVER MAN THIS TIME!

MAN? THE PEOPLE THINK HE'S A GHOST, REX.



GHOST, NOTHING! SOMEBODY IS JUST USING LONGHAIR JOHN'S REPUTATION TO POSE AS HIS GHOST!

OF COURSE, AND IT IS A CLEVER COSTUME HE WEARS, TOO! THAT YELLOW HAIR, JUST LIKE LONGHAIR JOHN'S—SURELY IT MUST BE A WIG?

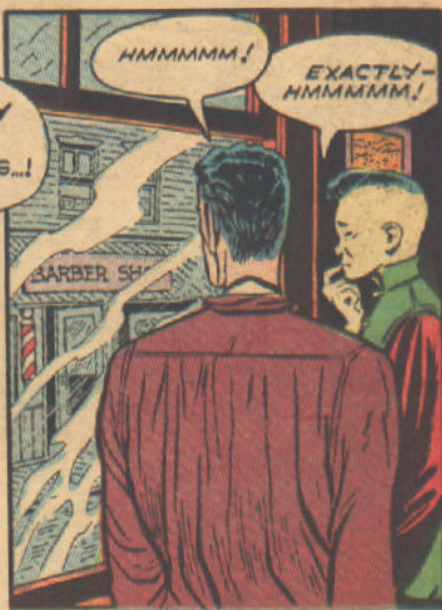


WIG!

NOW, WHERE WOULD ANYBODY GET A WIG AROUND HERE?

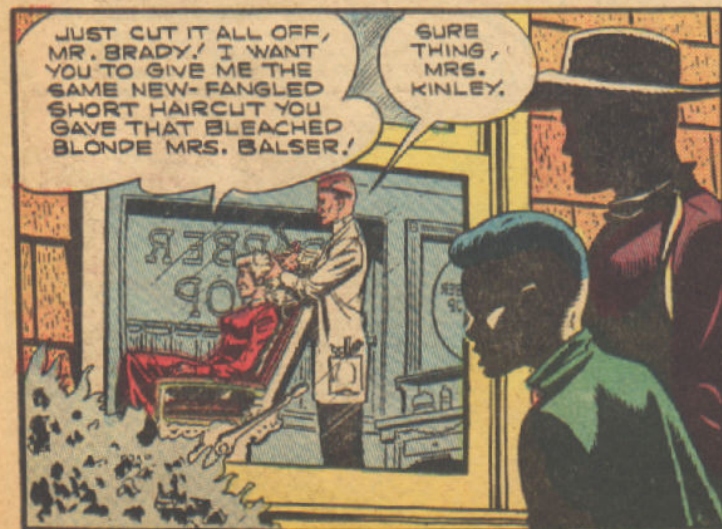
WIG? WIG?

EXACTLY WHAT I AM WONDERING...



HMMMMMM!

EXACTLY—HMMMMMM!



JUST CUT IT ALL OFF, MR. BRADY! I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME THE SAME NEW-FANGLED SHORT HAIRCUT YOU GAVE THAT BLEACHED BLONDE MRS. BALSER!

SURE THING, MRS. KINLEY.



I AM THINKING, MY FRIEND, THAT MRS. BALSER'S LOST HAIR IS SEEING MORE EXCITEMENT ON THE BARBER'S HEAD THAN IT EVER SAW ON *HERS*! RIGHT?

RIGHT!

A
FEW
NIGHTS
LATER...

WAL, THESE LAST FEW
QUIET NIGHTS MIGHTA
THROWN THUH GHOST
RIDER OFF THUH
TRAIL. I'LL RIDE
AGAIN TONIGHT — AN'
THIS TIME I'LL GIT
THET NIGHT STAGE
FER SHORE ...!



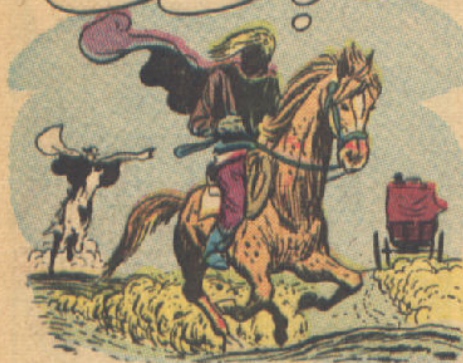
THIS SHORE IS SOME
COSTUME, EF I MUST
SAY SO MYSELF.
ESPECIALLY THIS
WIG I MADE OUTA
MRS. BALSER'S
HAIR — HAW
HAW!
HAW!



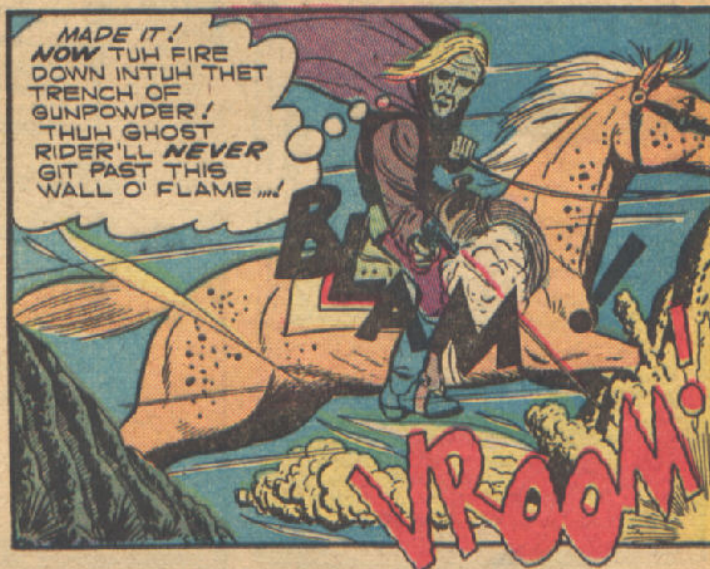
HYAR COMES THUH STAGE —
BUT WHUT'S THET BEHIND
ME? THUH GHOST
RIDER AGAIN!



I FOOLED HIM ONCE BEFORE
AN' I KIN DO IT AGAIN. IF I
KIN ONLY REACH THET FORK
BEFORE HE CATCHES ME...
I GOT A TRENCH FULL OF
GUNPOWDER DUG ACROSS
THUH ROAD...



MADE IT!
NOW TUH FIRE
DOWN INTUH THET
TRENCH OF
GUNPOWDER!
THUH GHOST
RIDER'LL NEVER
GIT PAST THIS
WALL O' FLAME ...!

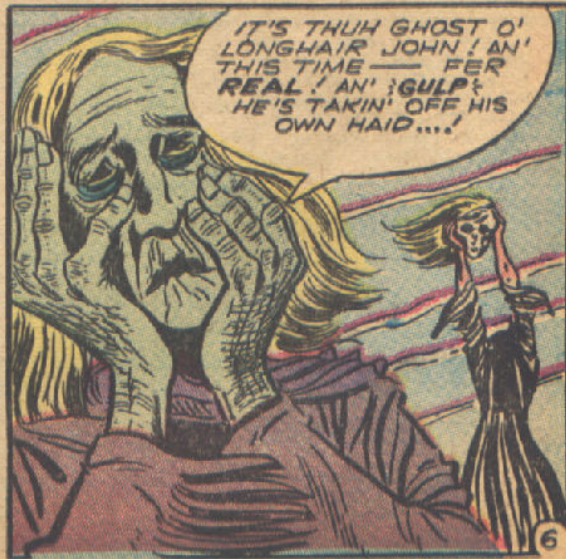


... BY THUH
TIME THET
FIRE DIES
DOWN, I'LL
BE GONE AN—

I AM
LONGHAIR
JOHN!
WHO TAKES
MY NAME ???



IT'S THUH GHOST O'
LONGHAIR JOHN! AN'
THIS TIME — FER
REAL! AN' GULP!
HE'S TAKIN' OFF HIS
OWN HAID ...!



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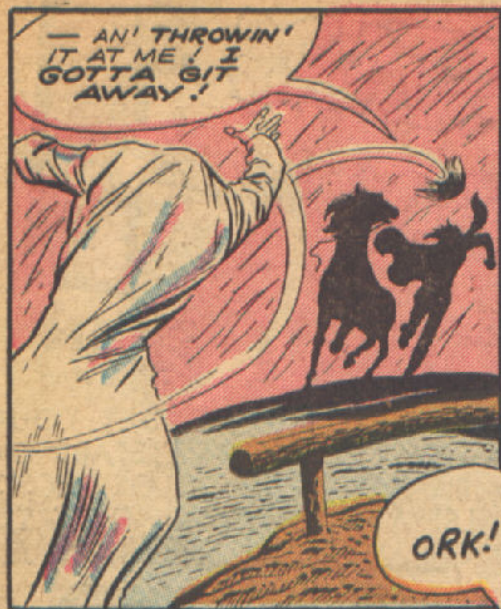
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WHEN THE LAW GOES WRONG? HOW
CAN HE STOP A MAN WITH MURDER
ON HIS MIND, WHO SAYS -

"VENGEANCE IS MINE!"

ART BY FRED GUARDINEER

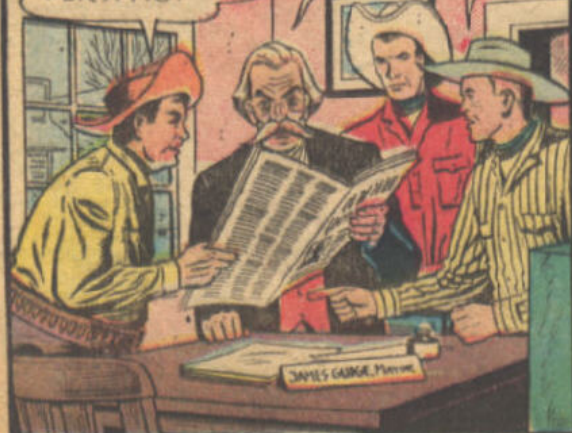


BACK IN RED FALLS...

WAL, I'LL BE PLAIN
HOGTIED AN' BLAMED
FER A PIG!

THUNDER!
BUCK GIDDON
PARDONED!

MY
FATHER'S
KILLER!



AN' THE KILLER O' MY BEST FRIEND,
BOB - 'CAUSE THET'S WHUT YORE DAD
WAS TUH ME! SOMETHIN'S GOTTA
BE DONE!

EASY
NOW,
MAYOR!



I SAY **THE LAW** HASN'T DONE **JUSTICE!** SO I'M GOING TO TAKE THE LAW INTO MY OWN HANDS! I'LL BE WAITING FOR GIDDON AND I'LL KILL HIM THE MINUTE HE STEPS OFF THAT TRAIN!

YUH'RE A TRUE SON O'YORE FATHER, BOY!

I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, MAYOR GUDGE! HOW CAN YOU TELL ANYONE TO TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS? IT'S **YOUR** JOB TO **UPHOLD** THE LAW! MAYBE GIDDON ISN'T GUILTY!

BUNK! A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY—AND GUILTY HE **IS!** IF THE LAW WON'T DO IT, IT'S UP TO **ME** TO AVENGE MY FATHER'S MURDER! VENGEANCE IS MINE!



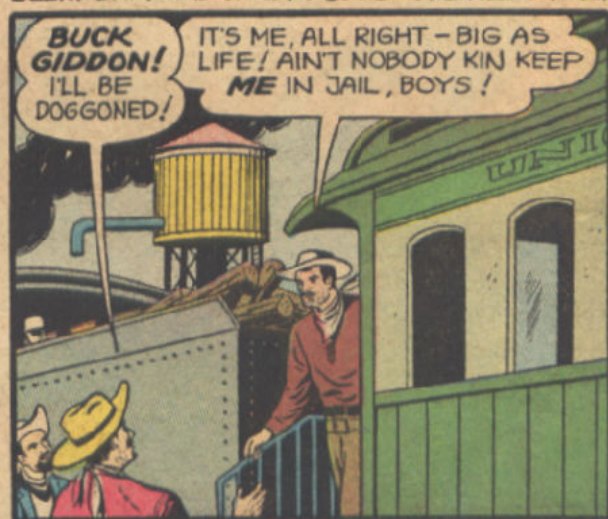
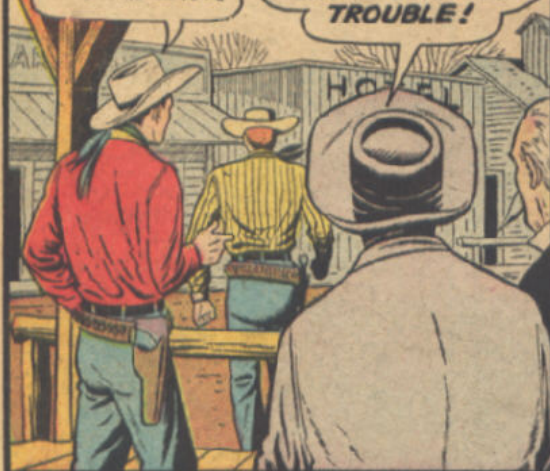
WRONG, BOB—VENGEANCE BELONGS TO THE **LAW!**

WHOEVER IT BELONGS TO—THAT'S SHORE GONNA BE **TROUBLE!**

NEXT DAY, THE TRAIN PULLS INTO RED FALLS...

BUCK GIDDON! I'LL BE DOGGONED!

IT'S ME, ALL RIGHT—BIG AS LIFE! AIN'T NOBODY KIN KEEP **ME** IN JAIL, BOYS!

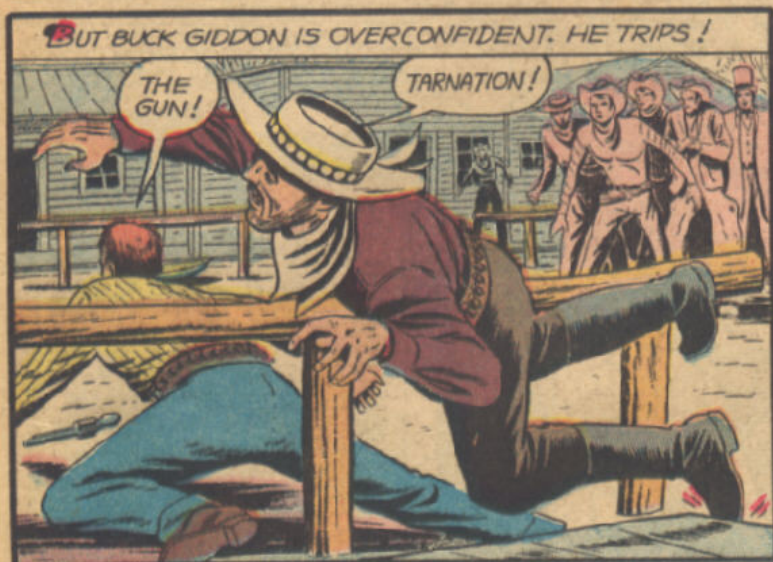


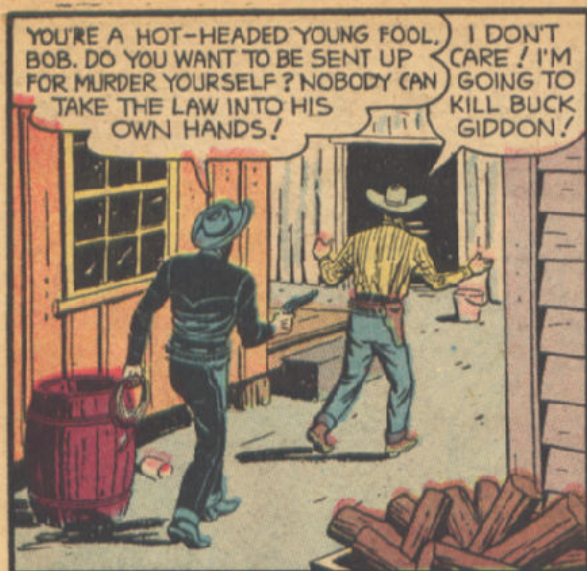
COME ON, BOYS—TUH THUH LAUGHIN' LADY SALOON—AN' THUH DRINKS ARE ON ME! I'M CELEBRATIN'!

ALL RIGHT, BUCK GIDDON—**FREEZE!** I'M GOING TO FINISH OFF WHAT THE LAW DIDN'T DO!

OH-OH! IT'S YOUNG BOB BLACK. DIVE FER COVER, MEN—THAT'S GONNA BE **GUNPLAY!**







YOU'RE A HOT-HEADED YOUNG FOOL, BOB. DO YOU WANT TO BE SENT UP FOR MURDER YOURSELF? NOBODY CAN TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS!

I DON'T CARE! I'M GOING TO KILL BUCK GIDDON!



NOW LISTEN! IT TOOK BIG *POLITICAL* PULL TO GET BUCK PARDONED—RIGHT? THAT MEANS SOMEBODY IMPORTANT IS INVOLVED! WHY? WHO'S SO INTERESTED IN BUCK GIDDON?



MY HUNCH IS THIS—GIDDON *DIDN'T* KILL YOUR FATHER! HE TOOK THE RAP FOR SOMEBODY ELSE—SOMEBODY *BIG*! THAT SOMEBODY PROMISED TO GET HIM PARDONED AND PAY HIM OFF. KILL GIDDON NOW AND WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT THE REAL MURDERER!



THAT'S A FAST LINE, DURANGO—BUT IT WON'T WORK! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO PROTECT GIDDON. MAYBE *YOU'RE* JUST AN OWLHOOT, TOO—UNDER THAT MASK!



YOU MIGHT STOP ME TEN TIMES, DURANGO—BUT I'LL GET GIDDON ON THE ELEVENTH! SO LONG!



A SHORT TIME LATER... DURANGO STOPPED BOB! DIDJA GIT BUCK GIDDON? I HOPE YOU DID! ME, LOOK JIM—YOU WERE MY FATHER'S BEST FRIEND WHEN HE WAS MAYOR. I'M COUNTING ON YOU FOR HELP—HOW ABOUT IT?

TELL YUH WHUT I'LL DO, BOB. I'LL INVITE GIDDON OUT TUH MUH HOUSE TONIGHT. YOU BE THERE—AN' YUH'LL GIT YORE CHANCE TUH TANGLE HORNS WITH YORE FATHER'S KILLER!



THAT NIGHT - AT MAYOR JIM GUDGE'S HOUSE...

BUCK GIDDON!
HOWDY, MISTER MAYOR! I
SORTA **THOUGHT** YOU'D
WANT TUH SEE ME SOON!



**SHOOT,
BOB-
SHOOT!**



**THUNDER'N
TARNATION!
IT'S A
TRAP!**

I-I CAN'T! I CAN'T SHOOT A
MAN IN THE BACK - NOT EVEN
THE WAY YOU KILLED MY DAD,
GIDDON. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU
A CHANCE TO DRAW IRON,
GIDDON - THE KIND OF
CHANCE YOU DIDN'T
GIVE DAD!



I'LL DRAW,
ALL RIGHT -
ONE TABLE!

MY GUN! BLAZES!
HE KNOCKED IT OUT
OF MY HAND!



YUH GOTTA BE
QUICK TUH GIT THUH
BEST O'ME, SONNY!

I'M READY
FOR YOU,
KILLER!

THAT GUN! IF
I CAN GET MY
HANDS ON IT...
AND...



**HOLD IT! STEP
AWAY, BOB - QUICK!
I'LL GIT THUH
HOMBRE!**

WHY, YOU
DOUBLE-
CROSSIN'!



**JAMMED!
THE BLASTED
GUN'S JAMMED!**

MY GUN AIN'T
JAMMED, BOYS! REACH
FER THUH CEILING!



NOW I'LL TALK! / DIDN'T KILL YORE PAW, SONNY! YORE PAL GUDGE, HERE, DID IT! HE WANTED TUH BE MAYOR AN' YORE PAW STOOD IN HIS WAY- HIS BEST PAL! HE PAID ME PLENTY TUH TAKE TUH RAP FER HIM...



...AND HE PROMISED TUH GIT ME PARDONED WHEN THINGS COOLED DOWN, NOW TUH DOUBLE-CROSSER'S TRYIN' TUH GIT ME KILLED SO I'LL NEVER TELL WHUT I KNOW!



THAT'S TUH TRUTH! / HYAR'S A GUN, SONNY-USE IT ON TUH **REAL** KILLER!

NO, NO, NO, NO!



I DON'T WANT THE GUN! I WANT TO DO THIS WITH MY BARE HANDS! I'LL CHOKE THIS ROTTEN KILLER!



HAW! HAW! FUNNIEST THING I EVER SEED!

BUT-AS GUDGE FALLS AGAINST THE DESK...

THE DRAWER KNOCKED OPEN... MY GUN'S INSIDE...



YUH DIDN'T EXPECT **THIS**, HUH? YOU TWO ARE TUH ONLY ONES WHO KNOW MY SECRET-AND IN ONE MINUTE YUH'RE **BOTH** GONNA BE DAID!



WRONG GUDGE!



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KIND OF LAW TO RIDE HERD
ON JUSTICE—

THE LAW OF THE ARROW!

THREE MEN RULE THE TOWN OF BAD PASS!



THEY CONTROL THE TOWN'S
MONEY, ITS COURT, AND ITS JAIL...

MOST OF THEIR WORK IS DONE BY THEIR HIRED GUNSLICKS, BUT THERE ARE *SOME* JOBS THEY MUST HANDLE *THEMSELVES*.

GET READY,
BOYS,
HERE COMES
SAM GAGE!

AFTER TEN YEARS OF
GOLD PROSPECTIN'! WE
KNOW HE'S
GOT A
ORTUNE
SHED IN
ADDLEBAGS!

ENOUGH
TO PUT
THUH THREE
O' US IN

ENOUGH
TO PUT
THUH THREE
O' US IN
CLOVER!



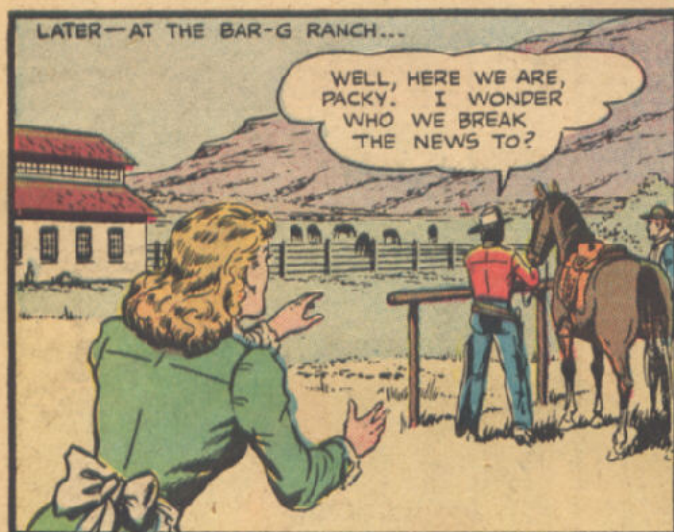
AND ANOTHER TRAVELER NEVER REACHES
BAD PASS!

WHUT THUH—
AHHHH!

WE GOT 'IM, BOYS!
QUICK — GIT
THOSE
SADDLEBAGS...!

QUICK! GRAB THEM SADDLEBAGS AND
LET'S GIT! HYAR COMES TWO
HOMBRES RIDIN' HARD— THEY
MUSTA HEARD THUH SHOOTIN'!

LET'S
GO!



I'D LIKE TO HELP FIND THE KILLERS, MISS—AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE THEM SHOW THEIR HANDS! I'LL NEED YOUR HELP. FROM NOW ON, I'M YOUR BROTHER—GET IT?



NEXT DAY...

WELL, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK HOME, SAM GAGE, THESE TEN YEARS SURE CHANGED YOU A LOT. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THIS BANK WILL BE READY TO SERVE YOU AND YOUR SISTER AS ALWAYS!

THANKS, MR. JUDD. LET'S GO, DOROTHY!



HMMMMM! WHOEVER THAT PHONY IS, HE'S SURE GOING TO MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR US! I BETTER GET TO MOOLEY AND BANKS RIGHT AWAY!

H'S DRY DODS



THAT'S HIM, MOOLEY! GO GET HIM!

WHAT A BREAK!

RIGHT!

ALL RIGHT, HOMBRE, TURN AROUND AND REACH FER AIR! YUH'RE UNDER ARREST—FER THE MURDER OF SAM GAGE!

YOU SURE ACTED FAST, SHERIFF—MAYBE TOO FAST!



THINGS DO WORK FAST IN BAD PASS! THE TRIAL IS HELD THE FOLLOWING DAY...

JUDD AN' ME WENT OUT AN' FOUND THUH BODY THIS MORNIN', YOUR HONOR. SAM GAGE WAS KILLED, ALL RIGHT!

THEY SURE KNEW WHERE TO LOOK FOR THAT BODY! THE BANKER AND THE SHERIFF, EH...!



THERE'S ONLY **ONE** VERDICT! THET HOMBRE MURDERED SAM GAGE AN' THEN PRETENDED TUH BE HIS VICTIM! I SENTENCE HIM TO **HANG** IN THE MORNING!

FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS COURT, THERE'S NO USE EVEN TRYING TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS...



THAT NIGHT...

OH, STEVE—YOU GOT INTO THIS MESS BECAUSE OF ME! I WISH I KNEW WHAT TO DO!

THUH WAY THAT BANKER FELLER, THUH SHERIFF AN' THUH JUDGE WORK TOGETHER, LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NUTHIN' WE KIN DO!

THEY SURE WERE FAST IN PINNING THAT MURDER CHARGE ON ME, WEREN'T THEY?

NOW HOW DID THEY KNOW SO SOON THAT SAM GAGE HAD BEEN MURDERED? UNLESS THEY DID THE JOB THEMSELVES...?

WAL, YUH SHORE CAIN'T PROVE NOTHIN' WITH A ROPE AROUND YORE NECK, STEVE—



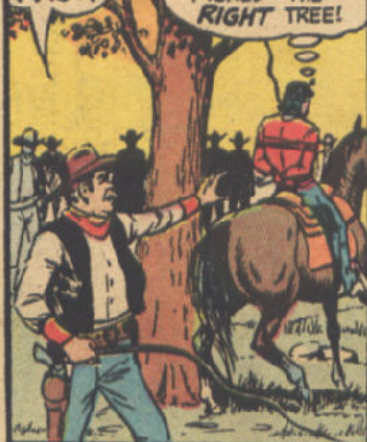
NEXT MORNING, AT DAWN...

WAL, I CARRIED OUT MY PART O' PLAN NUMBER TWO! EVEN IF IT WORKS, STEVE'LL HAVE A MIGHTY SORE NECK!



STAND BACK, MEN! THIS HOSS IS GONNA TEAR AWAY FAST!

I SURE HOPE PACKY PICKED THE RIGHT TREE!



TARNATION! SOMEBODY DONE SAWED THROUGH OUR LYNCHIN' TREE!

NOW—IF ONLY THAT BRANCH DOESN'T HANG UP AND LYNCH ME FOR SURE!

GET GOING, BRONC!



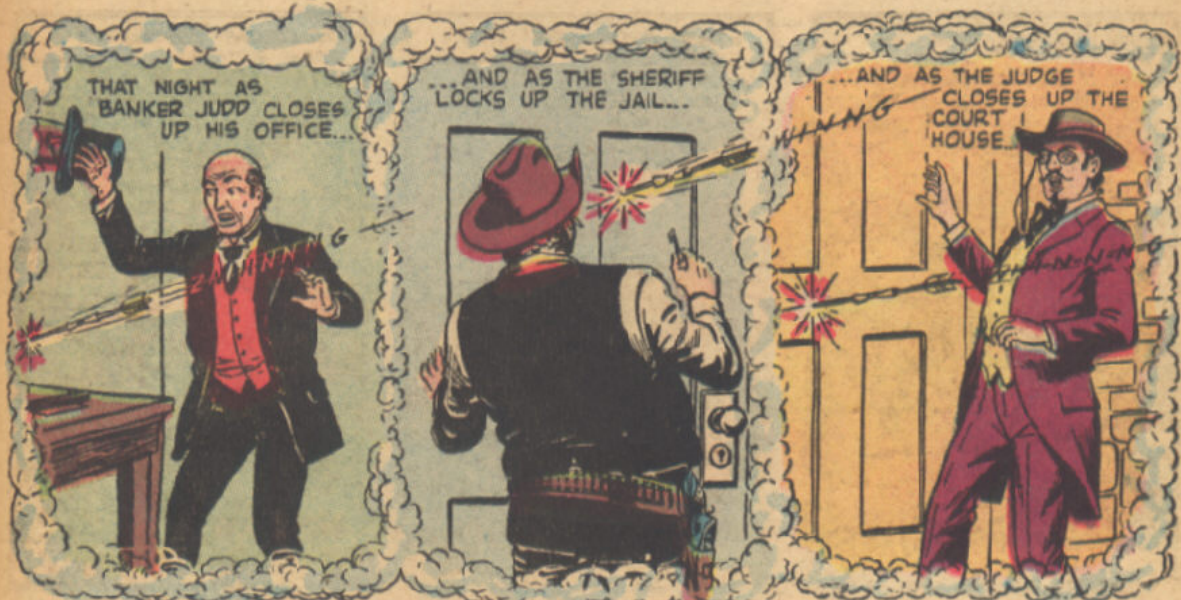
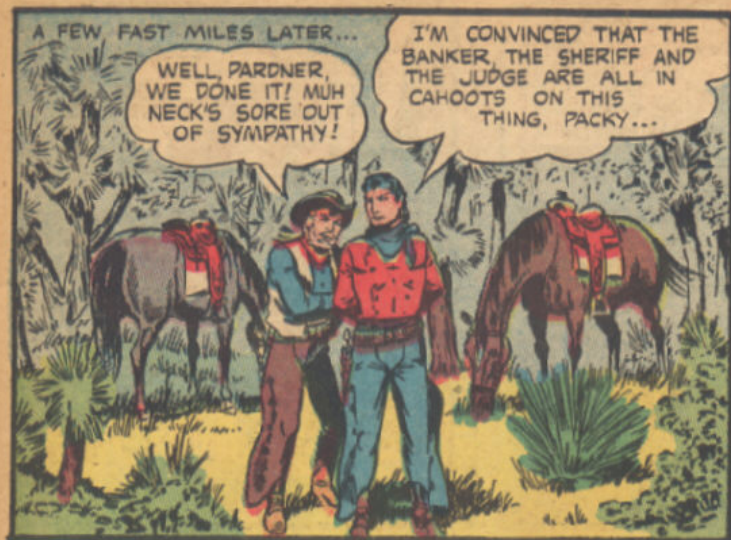
PACKY—QUICK! CUT THIS ROPE!

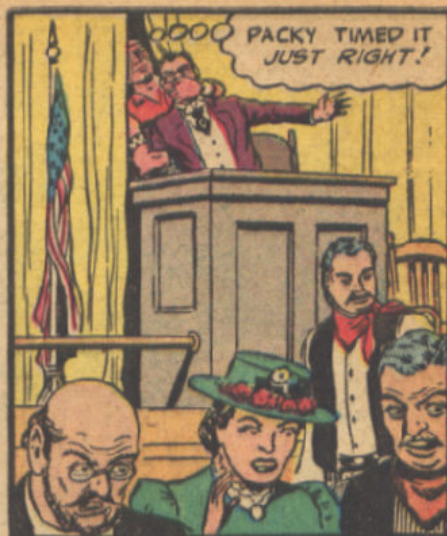
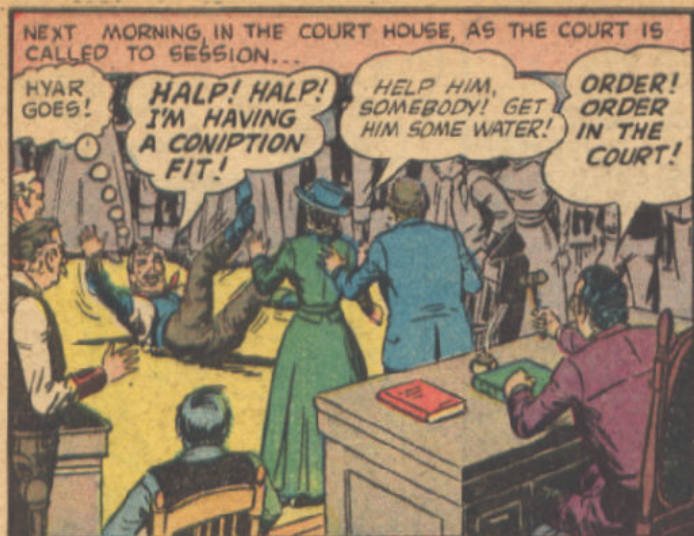
RIGHT! KEEP RIDIN', STEVE! I'LL COVER THE GETAWAY!

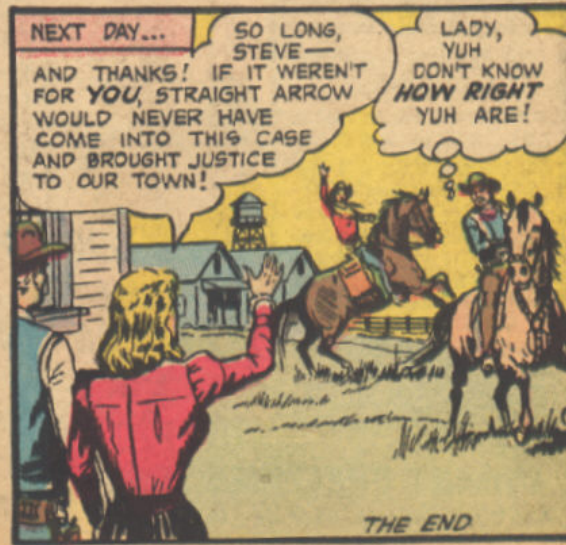
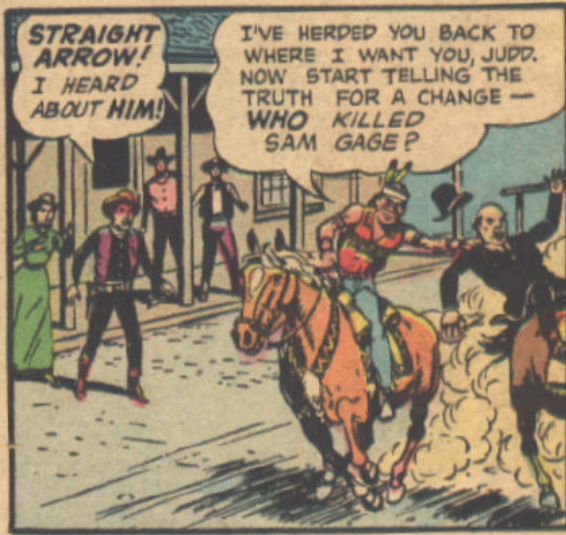


THIS'LL HOLD 'EM OFF! ONCE AROUND THET BEND AN' WE'RE IN THUH CLEAR!









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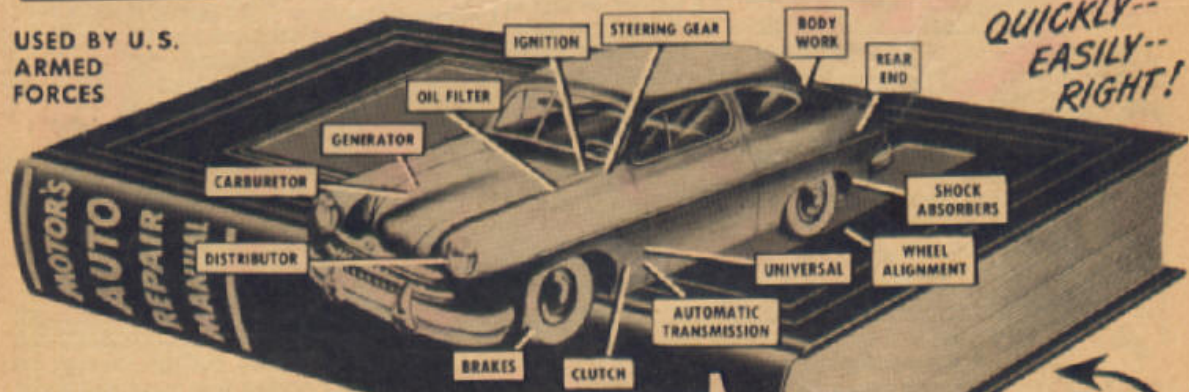
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JUPITER!
YOU'RE SURE
SIZZLING TH'
OL' ROCKET
TODAY, TED!

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AND A TELESCOPE TOO!
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YOUR FRIENDS - AND YOU
GIVE 'EM THESE SWELL ART
PICTURES -

THAT'S
FOR ME!

SAY! THAT CAMERA
SURE IS SUPERSONIC!
YOU MUST HAVE
STRUCK A
URANIUM LODGE!

DIDN'T COST
ME A DIME -
JUST GOT IT FOR
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